

**WOMAN KILLS HUSBAND; GIVES HERSELF UP—  
WELFARE HEAD TELLS OF EVILS OF POOR PAY  
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## MARSHALL FIELD TAX FIGURES ARE SECRET

**Mike Sheridan of Board of Assessors Refuses Permission for Inspection of Field Tax Schedule Although He Admits It's Public Document.**

After they laid Marshall Field, the dead department store prince, in a \$25,000 tomb in Graceland cemetery they read his will and counted up what he left behind. It ran over \$140,000,000. That was nine years ago and the \$140,000,000 has grown and grown.

This week on Wednesday a tax schedule for the Marshall Field estate was filed with Michael K. Sheridan, secretary of the board of assessors. This schedule says the Marshall Field estate has now only \$14,500,000 worth of personal property in Cook county. This means that the Field estate personal property today is only one-tenth of the fortune left by Marshall Field in 1906, if the tax schedule is true.

A Day Book reporter yesterday went to Michael K. Sheridan, elected

by the votes of the people and paid a salary out of the people's money. The reporter asked Mike Sheridan two questions and Sheridan refused to answer them. The questions were:

"Who signed the tax schedule of the Field estate? Was the tax schedule sworn to or was the oath left off from it?"

Sheridan went still further in protection of the Field estate. He refused to let the reporter see the tax schedule of the Field estate. He admitted the schedule is a public document and should be open to inspection. But he said that it must be kept secret until the whole board of assessors says it can be made public.

Sheridan gave newspapers a statement Wednesday that the Field estate schedule this year is \$14,500,000, as against \$17,000,000 last year. Sheri-